THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No decision has yet been taken about the system of tele-communications to be adopted for the computerised Freight Operations Information System. Procurement of telecommunication components will be planned after the system of communication is decided.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय

2410. **श्री शरद यादव** : क्या **मानव संसाधन विकास** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) उन अधिनियमों का वर्षवार ब्यौरा क्या है, जिनके अन्तर्गत बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय काम करता आ रहा है ;

(ख) क्या सरकार ने विश्वविद्यालय के लोकतांत्रिक ढांचे के सम्बन्ध में व्यापक कानून बनाने के लिए संसद में या उससे बाहर कोई आश्वासन दिया है, यदि हां, तो वह कब तक इस तरह का कानून बनाएगी ; और

(ग) इस तरह का कानून बनाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाए गए हैं या उठाए जा रहे हैं ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री (श्री पी० वी० नरसिंह राव) : (क) बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय उस अधिनियम के अन्तर्गत कार्य करता रहा है, जो 1915 में पारित किया गया था। इस अधिनियम में 1922, 1930, 1954, 1958, 1966 और 1969 में और संशोधन किया गया था ।

बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय (संशोधन) अधिनियम, 1909 की मुख्य विशेषताएं इस प्रकार हैं :—

(1) विश्वविद्यालय कोर्ट का एक सलाहकार निकाय के रूप में पुनर्गठन और सदस्यता की संख्या में कमी करना ।

(2) कार्यकारी परिषद् और वित्त समिति का पुनर्गठन :

(3) शैक्षणिक परिषद् की स्थायी समिति को समाप्त करना ;

(4) कुलपति के चयन के तरीके में परिवर्तन और उनके कार्यकाल में कमी ।

(ख) सरकार ने कुछ ही महीनों में विश्वविद्यालय के लोकतांत्रिक गठन सहित एक व्यापक विधान लागू करने के लिए संसद में आश्वासन दिया है ।

(ग) विश्वविद्यालय अनुदान आयोग द्वारा वर्तमान अधिनियम में उपयुक्त संशोधनों का सुझाव देने के लिए एक समिति का गठन किया गया है ।

Flood lighting the Vivekananda Rock at Kanyakumari

2411. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Tamil Nadu Government had sent a proposal to the Central Government for providing funds for Flood lighting the Vivekananda Rock at Kanyakumari; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for not approving the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Government school teachers in rural areas

2412. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVIND. RAO PATIL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that in several Government schools in the rural areas in the country teachers do not devote proper attention to the children's education; and

(b) if so, what steps Government are taking to check this phenomenon?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Government are aware of the need to improve the standards of teaching especially in rural areas.

(b) Several measures have been contemplated under the Programme of Action prepared for the implementation of the National Policy on Education, 1986. Some of them are:

(i) establishment of grievances redressal machinery to attend to the legitimate grievances of teachers;

(ii) formulation of guidelines/rules for posting and transfer of teachers;

(iii) creation of machanism for verification of norms of behaviour expected of teachers;

(iv) establishment of a comprehensive, open, participatory and data based system of teacher evaluation;

(v) organising orientation course in the light of the National Policy on Education for elementary and secondary school teachers to improve teacher motivation;

(vi) In addition, various proposals for improving essential facilities and providing support services in primary schools as well as for enforcing greater teacher accountability, are also expected to have a positive influence in seeing that teachers devote proper attention to childrens' education.

Student teacher ratio

2413. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any ratio has been fixed by Government, in respect of students and teachers in Primary/Middle/Higher Secondary schools in Delhi and if so, what is the ratio prescribed for Delhi/New Delhi.

(b) what is the ratio prescribed in other parts of the country, State as well as rural/urban areas-wise;

(c) whether the number of present sanctioned strength of teachers is much less than the ratio shown in the records of the Ministry; and

(d) if so, what steps Government have taken or proposes to take to bridge the visible gap?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) According to Delhi Administration, no teacher-pupil ratio has been prescribed as such. Norms have however been prescribed for determining the number of teachers required in a school on the basis of subjects taught, number of periods to be assigned to a teacher, number of sections and section strength.

(b) According to Selected Educational Statistics 1984-85, the average teacher-pupil ratio in the Country as a whole as on 30.9.84 was as under:

Primary	1 : 41
Middle	1 : 36
High/Secondary . . .	1 : 30
Higher Secondary Schools/Junior Colleges	1 : 27

(c) and (d) No, Sir. Every year more posts of teachers are sanctioned on the basis of the norms.

Government Schools in the country

2414. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Primary/Middle/Higher Secondary Government Schools or Government aided schools in the urban and rural areas in the country, area-wise;

(b) number of such school Government propose to open during the financial year 1987-88 in rural/urban areas of the country; and